



NEWS RELEASE
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Bait Results in Big Catch

The western portion of Galveston County has been experiencing a rash of thefts to include vehicles and ATV's. To address this issue the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force (ACTF) has been assisting the Galveston County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Fe Police Department in addressing the problem with their Bait vehicle program. The ACTF wants to warn thieves in the area that the next ATV, vehicle, golf cart or boat they steal may be bait that was set out by the Auto Crimes Task Force.

Earlier this week one of the bait vehicles was taken and tracked to a location around 28th and Ave L in Santa Fe. A cover t operation began and as a result the bait was captured and numerous suspects were identified.

The investigation by the Auto Crimes Task Force resulted in warrants being obtained for three suspects and additional charges are pending. On this date members of the Auto Crimes Task Force, Sheriff's Office Special Crimes Unit and Warrant Division with the assistance of Santa Fe Police Department and Alvin Police Department K-9 units located and arrested the suspects.

Those charged are identified as:

Rickey Linkey – 44 yoa of Santa Fe

1. Felony Theft – Bond \$125,000
2. Felony Criminal Mischief – Bond \$125,000
3. Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity - \$125,000

David Herod – 39 yoa of Santa Fe

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Ernie Scales – 46 yoa of Santa Fe

1. Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity – Bond \$20,000

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